

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

B E T W E E N:-

(1) WILLIAM BRADLEY PITT
(2) ANGELINA JOLIE

Claimants

- and -

NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Defendant

STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

SOLICITOR FOR THE CLAIMANTS

My Lord, in this action for misuse of private information and breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 I appear on behalf of the Claimants, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

The Claimants are internationally renowned actors and have a family of six young children. As well as their work in films, the Claimants are also known for their commitment to humanitarian causes and social issues across the world.

The Defendant is the publisher of the News of the World, a newspaper with a large circulation and readership within the jurisdiction and which is published online at www.newsoftheworld.co.uk.

On 24 January 2010 the News of the World published a front page article which continued on page 9 of its newspaper and online entitled ""PITTS ALL OVER"". The article stated that the Claimants had visited divorce lawyers in December 2009 to begin thrashing out a divorce deal; that an agreement had been concluded dividing assets of £205m and providing for custody and visitation rights in relation to their children; and that both of them had signed the agreement in January 2010 which made provision for their imminent separation.

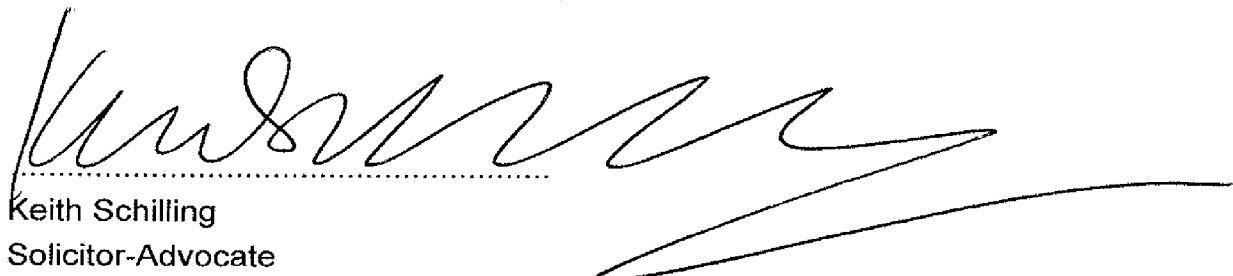
The Claimants Los Angeles litigation Attorneys, Lavelly and Singer wrote to the Defendant informing them that these allegations were false.

On 31 January 2010 the News of the World published another article headed "Brange leak war" which repeated the earlier allegations and stated that the Claimants had argued about who had leaked details of their marriage breakup to the press.

The Claimants, through their English Solicitors, then requested the Defendant to publish an apology and retraction in respect of these allegations. When the Defendants failed to do so, the Claimants issued legal proceedings in this Court in respect of these articles.

The Defendant, whose case was that they acted in good faith, now accepts that each of these allegations were false and intrusive and has agreed to publish an apology in the News of the World. In addition, the Defendants have agreed to pay the Claimants undisclosed damages and legal costs. It is the Claimants' intention to donate the net damages to the Jolie-Pitt Foundation.

In light of these circumstances, the Claimants consider that their rights have been vindicated and they are prepared not to proceed any further in their action against the Defendant. Accordingly, my Lord, all that remains is for me to ask for leave to withdraw the record.


Keith Schilling
Solicitor-Advocate